

Personal and Pertinent.

The colored people of Beaumont, Texas, spent last year \$6,000 in church building.

The planting of Zion churches in Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., is actually assured.

The esteemed American Citizen, of Topeka, Kansas, has a new head—that is, a new head typographically.

Rev. John F. Hurst led all the Baltimore ministers by a big margin in the report of missionary money, at the recent A. M. E. conference there.

Dr. J. H. White, of Asbury Park, N. J., is perhaps, one of the best Greek and Hebrew scholars in the New Jersey Conference of the Zion Church.

Ex-Senator T. T. Allain, of Chicago has been putting up a strong fight for the re-election of Senator William E. Mason. Even if defeat may be in store, Mr. Allain stands by his colors to the end.

"The Colored Teacher" is the name of a neat magazine, issued at Hopkinsville, Ky., by a company, headed by J. E. Howser, A. O. Shaffner, and J. H. Laprade.

The Daily Advocate has entered the arena at Jacksonville, Florida, under chaperonage of George E. Ross. It prints some good matter and carries numerous advertisements.

The Negro Business League meeting will be held at Richmond, Va., August 25, 26, and 27. Complete arrangements have been made, and the convention is sure to be a grand success.

The commencement exercises of the Colored City High School, Tusculum, Ala., were held May 11-13. Rev. William Craig preached the annual sermon and Prof. W. H. Council delivered the commencement address. Prof. G. W. Trenholm is principal of the school.

The fifth annual session of the National Afro-American Council will be held in the State House at St. Paul, Minn., July 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1902. It is the earnest desire of the management that every church, college, benevolent society and other race organization shall be represented.

Rt. Rev. George W. Clinton, of North Carolina, is the youngest Bishop on the Board of Bishops. He is a very able man as well as a forceful speaker, and is one of the lecturers at Tuskegee. He is happily married and his wife is a very talented and accomplished vocalist.

Dr. George L. Blackwell, editor of the Church News, Philadelphia, Pa., is pastor of the largest and most influential church in the Connection. Dr. Blackwell was formerly business manager of the Star of Zion at Charlotte, N. C.; the official organ of the church. He is a very scholarly and able man, and will one day be a Bishop.

The thirty-third annual Commencement exercises of Atlanta University will begin May 25. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by President Bumstead, May 25. The orator of for Commencement Day, May 29, will be the Rev. Stephen M. Newman, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C. Dr. Newman is an exceptionally comprehensive and eloquent speaker. The Seventh Atlanta Conference will be held May 27, subject, "The Negro Artist."

Rev. Ernest Lyon has filed a bill for divorce from his wife, Abbie W. Lyon, in Baltimore on the grounds of alleged unfaithfulness. Both the Dr. and Mrs.

Lyon are well known in religious circles. Mrs. Lyon is one of race's most gifted singers and her success in the musical world has been accompanied by reports of a moral nature not very creditable to her. Society is wrought up over the legal procedure of Rev. Lyon, and there is much speculation as to the result. There will be charges and counter charges before the final results of the trial are known. Attorney Harry S. Cummings is Rev. Lyon's counsel. Mrs. Lyon, it is said, will not contest the suit and has filed no exceptions.

George Foster Peabody, who is much interested in the work of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association has given a commodious house for the use of the newly established colored branch. The house is at 405 Carlton avenue between Green avenue and Fulton street, and it will be appropriately furnished, and work will be carried on along the lines of the other branches of the Young Men's Christian Association. 250 members have been enrolled, and pledged to \$2 each. The branch will be opened at an early date. A reading room will be opened, where the young men can meet socially, play games, etc. The renting of rooms to young colored men will be a feature. Before any of the work at all was done C. H. Bullock of Charlottesville, Va., an energetic young man, was called to become the secretary, he having organized the successful Y. M. C. A. in his own town. He has been on the ground since March 8. Prof. W. L. Bulkely is also deeply interested in the movement.

Learning to Swim

The value of swimming as an exercise has been proved by some of the most famous athletes, and the mastery of this accomplishment, moreover, may some day mean the saving of human life. That boys and girls should be taught to swim admits of no argument. As it is, the majority of children fear the water, and much of this fear is due to the misguided anxiety of their parents. The trouble with beginners is that they make too much of the task; provided the effort is made, the slightest muscular exertion will suffice to keep one afloat. How readily one may learn to swim is shown in the *Jane Delineator*, by a expert in the art, who describes the various strokes, floats, diving, costume, etc., in the simplest manner possible. Some striking pictures taken from life are shown.

"The Mikado" Coming Here.

Negotiations are under way for the production of "The Mikado" by the Arion Society of Philadelphia, in Baltimore and Washington immediately following the rendition in the Quaker City. According to the manager, Washington promises an audience of 800. Baltimore says, "more than 600."

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs was enthusiastically greeted by a large audience Sunday May 4th, at the Second Baptist Lyceum. Her address dealt with plain facts, appealing to an abandonment of artificiality, and urging that the race strive to be men and women, faithful to trusts and lofty of character. Prof. Bernadine Smith, accompanied by Miss Bessie Smith, rendered an artistic violin solo.

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